

UDOT Moving Forward on Mountain View Corridor

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LEHI, Utah - It's going to change the way people commute into the Salt Lake Valley. There are new Developments regarding the Mountain View Corridor project you'll only see on FOX13. There won't be a project like it in the next decade. The Mountain View Corridor, which will connect I-80 in Salt Lake City to I-15 in Utah County, is officially under contract. In the proposal and planning phase for the past year, now they are officially moving forward.

"Part of the need for the project is the growth that has already happened," said Teri Newell, Mountain View Corridor Project Manager. "And there's another piece of it...the growth we're expecting, so were trying to plan for those needs right now."

In fact, UDOT is planning well ahead. The Mountain View Corridor will be similar to Bangerter Highway in that it will have two lanes in either direction, stoplights about every mile and a speed limit around 45 miles per hour. Unlike Bangerter Highway however, they are purchasing the right of way on either side of phase one so expansion can happen quickly when the time comes.

"Right now were working with a project that is \$730 million dollars that helps us go through design, purchase of right of way and construction," said Newell.

"Right now we have about 200 people from private industry and we'll have even more than that once we start construction."

The Mountain View Corridor will connect I-80 and run generally along 5800 West into the Daybreak area then into Utah County where it will connect with I-15 near 2100 North in Lehi. Phase one of the project is in Salt Lake County, the area from Redwood Road to 3000 South. The groundbreaking isn't far away.

"Were actually progressing forward with the project," said Newell. "We've been working on design we've been purchasing right of way and we're working on construction starting spring or summer of next year."

The corridor will cut through mostly open space so they expect during construction there will be minimal disruption to existing roads and traffic.

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